



Ad-Hoc Committee

Meeting Minutes



Location: Monroe Township HS Media Center

Date: August 22, 2019

Time: 6:30p-8:00p

Attendance: Dori Alvich, Sarah Aziz, Linda Bozowski, Lauren DiPierro, Toni Galofaro, James Higgins, Kevin Higgins, Kathy Kolupanowich, Adam Layman, Vita Marino, Louis Masters, Michael Olesky, Piyush Patel, Steve Riback, Michael Salinger, Jennifer Shonk, Frank Stuto, Gerald Tague

- I. Mr. Masters called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. He confirmed that everyone had received:
 - a) Two new proposals (via email)
 - b) Mr. Tague's enrollment statistics (hard copy)
- II. Mr. Masters discussed the agenda of the meeting. The meeting was broken into three parts:
 - Action Items/Discussion from last meeting
 - Enrollment statistics
 - Split session review
 - Year-round schooling review
 - Modular construction vendor
 - Evaluation of new proposals (two since last meeting)
 - Further review of remaining proposals
 - Other business
- III. At the request of the committee, Mr. Tague provided school enrollment statistics¹ that were provided to the BoE as of 2019-06-19 (May 31 numbers). The committee confirmed their understanding of unhoused students and functional capacities of the schools versus operating capacities. The committee reviewed the projected numbers and discussed impacts of pending developments. It was confirmed that the study took into account all projected housing (provided by the town planning department). Mr. Masters discussed that the BoE voted in the affirmative for the committee's request of a new enrollment study, but it would not be available until late 2019. The committee agreed to use the numbers from the existing study until updated statistics are available.
- IV. Dr. Alvich discussed split sessions and year-round schooling in the context of a temporary solution to ease overcrowding. Dr. Alvich explained the impacts to the district in terms of:
 - a) Teacher contract renegotiation/additional expenses
 - b) Transportation expenses
 - c) Extra-curricular activities and scheduling
 - d) Family life

¹ Attached



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The committee considered asking for quantifiable numbers (a-c), but it was agreed that it would be very difficult to gather this type of data without a significant investment in resources. The committee agreed to discontinue discussion of these options due to the projected impact and that it does not adequately address the issue of long-term growth. Split session will be kept as a possible future consideration.

- V. Mr. Tague is trying to contact the modular construction vendor submitted in the proposals but has had no response.
- VI. The committee had an extempore discussion on their opinions of student growth. Although a plateau was discussed, seeing the projection of 3000+ unhoused students combined with the number of unfinished developments, the committee ultimately agreed that “stop gap” solutions would not be enough.
- VII. The committee questioned whether home schooling could be partial. Dr. Alvich confirmed that home schooling is comprehensive.
- VIII. The committee requested a complete map of current development in town - Mr. Tague will contact the municipality to see if this is available.
- IX. The committee discussed building on top of current school buildings. Mr. Tague explained that due to construction costs, issues with buildings and housing the students during construction, this is not a practicable idea.
- X. The committee asked about the availability of the old police department land. Mr. Tague stated that it is mostly wetlands, but would inquire with the town.
- XI. The committee had questions about trailer costs. Mr. Gorski to provide in next meeting.
- XII. The committee reviewed the two additional proposals and agreed they were acceptable but mostly duplicates of other proposed ideas. Valid components of these proposals would be considered.

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31	Review	
32	Review	

- XIII. The committee began discussing ideas from remaining proposals, mainly around reconfiguring grades and construction of one or more facilities. Salient points from the discussion:



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- a) Adding on the current HS is more costly due to curriculum and classroom requirements.
 - b) Moving 9th grade to the MS would have significant cost savings, but will impact the crowded MS. A MS grade shift would also be required.
 - c) Building an intermediate school may net us the largest increase in seats (5,6=1400; 5,6,7=2100). However, the solution should target providing an additional 3000 seats (estimated).
 - d) A centralized earlier grade school would be the most cost-efficient in terms of classrooms. However, we need to consider how big a school is appropriate for the age group.
- XIV.** Mr. Masters announced that all meeting minutes would be published on the district web site along with agendas and attendance. He also asked if anyone had any objections to the 2019-07-31 minutes – there were none.
- XV.** The next meeting date TBD.

	Action Items	Owner(s)	Update Deadline
1	Research accepting donations	Mr. Gorski	Next scheduled meeting
2	Get map of current town development	Mr. Tague	ASAP
3	Provide district trailer costs	Mr. Gorski	Next scheduled meeting
4	Research of modular construction	Mr. Tague	ASAP
5	Inquire with town about old police department land	Mr. Tague	Secondary
6	Schedule next meeting	Mr. Masters	ASAP

<u>School Name</u>	<u>N.J.D.O.E. Existing F.E.S Capacity</u>	<u>June 2019 Enrollment</u>	<u>June 2019 Unhoused Students</u>
Middle School	1,256.17	1,714	458
High School	1,813.46	2,332	519
Applegarth	255.28	441	186
Barclay Brook	318.97	340	21
Brookside	417.75	402	(16)
Mill Lake	481.53	562	80
Woodland	430.81	352	(79)
Oak Tree	439.62	728	288

* F.E.S. capacities taken from N.J.D.O.E. *F.E.S. & District Practices Capacity Report* in approved 2017 L.R.F.P. Update

** Enrollment taken from June 19,2019 Board agenda report